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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes
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STATUS REPORT ON REMOVAL OF ELSMERE CANYON FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, BOARD MOTION, SYNOPSIS 5

On September 30, 2003, your Board instructed Public Works to take necessary steps to remove Elsmere Canyon from the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element's list of future landfill sites and to report back every 60 days. This report covers the period from December 1, 2003, through January 31, 2004.

As previously reported, in order for Elsmere Canyon to be removed from the Siting Element, the five-year review of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan and the Siting Element's amendment process must be sequentially completed. The process is expected to take approximately two years to complete since it involves numerous statutory and regulatory requirements.

In November 2003, we requested each city to complete and forward a program status survey to Public Works as a part of the Five-Year Review Report. The survey's initial due date was November 24, 2003. However, as of January 31, only 75 cities have responded despite our multiple follow-up attempts. We attribute the delays in the cities' responses to the fact that many of the cities have had frequent staff changes. We will continue our efforts to obtain the information from the remaining 13 cities. If the remaining cities do not reply within two weeks, we will proceed finalizing the report using available information.

In addition, on January 28, 2004, the California Integrated Waste Management Board provided Public Works with new guidelines for the preparation of the Report. We are currently reviewing these revised guidelines to determine their impact on the preparation of the Report.

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We anticipate submitting the draft Report to the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force for consideration at their April meeting.

We will submit the next status report by April 1, 2004. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Don Wolfe, Chief Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4002, or Shari Afshari, Assistant Deputy Director, at (626) 458-3500.

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